

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme assists Madarsas and Makhtabs to introduce the formal curriculum, where there are children in the 6—14 years age group who are not attending formal schools. Towards this end, training is provided to instructors in the Madarsas/Makhtabs.

An independent survey conducted in the year 2005 by SRI-IMRB provided data on out of school children in the 6—14 years age group in the country. The survey revealed, *inter-alia*, that 9.97% of the total children in the 6—14 age group in the muslim community, were estimated to be out of school in July-August 2005. Concentration of such out of school children was found to be highest in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

Increase in seats in IIMs

606. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Management have agreed to increase seats in their post graduate course;

(b) if so, the details thereof, institute-wise;

(c) whether Government have issued the orders reserving 27 per cent seats in IIMs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) With the coming into force of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006, all the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have to provide for reservation of twenty-seven per cent seats for Other Backward Classes in IIMs in a phased manner in three years starting from the academic year 2007-08 in addition to already existing reservation of fifteen per cent of seats for Scheduled Castes and seven and one-half per cent for Scheduled Tribes. As per clause 5 (i) of the Act, the institutes shall ensure mandatory increase in the number of seats in a branch of study or

faculty over and above its annual permitted strength so that the number of seats excluding those reserved for the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and the other Backward classes is not less than the number of such seats available for the academic session immediately preceding the date of the coming into force of this act. The institute-wise details of the increase in seats is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Quarterly review of education schemes

607. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the progress of Centrally sponsored education schemes quarterly;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the names of the States lagging behind in achieving the aim and objectives of each of such schemes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to speed up the progress of each of such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) While there is no formal quarterly review mechanism for every Centrally Sponsored education Scheme, some of the schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-day Meal Scheme (MMS) are being reviewed with the States on a quarterly basis. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has a system of quarterly review with states to track financial progress and progress on key indicators. The Government of India provides capacity building in specific areas for states which show weak performance in certain areas under SSA and also takes up the matter with concerned Chief Secretaries and Chief Ministers of the states. The Mid-day Meal Programme also has a system of Quarterly Review, which elicits information *inter-alia* on the (a) periodicity of the meetings of the Steering cum Monitoring Committees; and the main decision taken therein, (b) the major problem encountered during the quarter; and (c) the evaluation studies undertaken during the quarter.